



Prostate Cancer Screening Among Men in Arkansas, 2008

Prostate cancer screenings help to find cancer at an early stage when it may be easier to treat. Not all medical experts agree that screening for prostate cancer will save lives. Men should speak with a health care provider to decide if the potential benefits of prostate cancer screening outweigh the potential risks.

The table shows the percentage of Arkansas men age 40 and over who have not received a prostate cancer screening, along with 95% confidence intervals in parentheses.

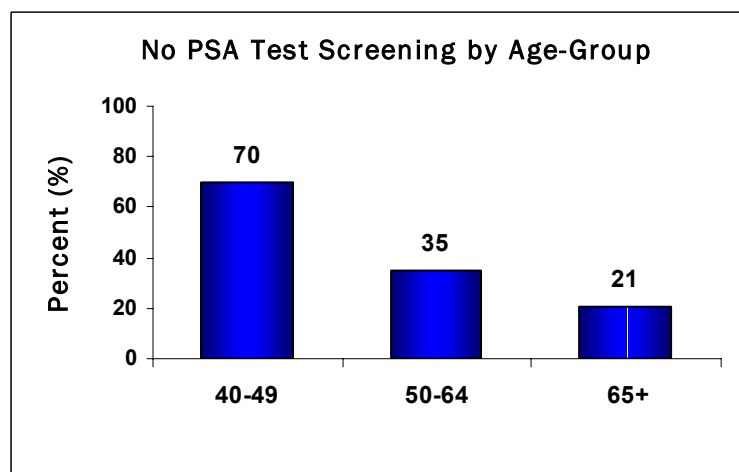
Arkansas men age 40 and over are less likely to have received a prostate cancer screening if they do not have health insurance.

Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) Test. Among men age 40 and over in Arkansas, 43% have not received a PSA test in the past two years. The following men are less likely to have received this prostate cancer screening:

- Men with a high school education or less.
- Men who are not married.

Prostate Cancer Screening Among Men Age 40 and Over in Arkansas	
No PSA Test in the past two years	
	Percent (95% Confidence Interval)*
RACE	
Black	37% (28.1, 47.1)
White	42% (38.8, 45.4)
EDUCATION	
High school or less	52% (47.1, 56.2)
Some college or more	35% (31.0, 38.9)
MARITAL STATUS	
Married	41% (37.0, 44.2)
Not married	50% (44.5, 55.6)
HEALTH INSURANCE	
Yes	39% (35.9, 42.4)
No	70% (60.5, 77.3)

*As a general rule, estimates are considered significantly different if the confidence intervals do not overlap.



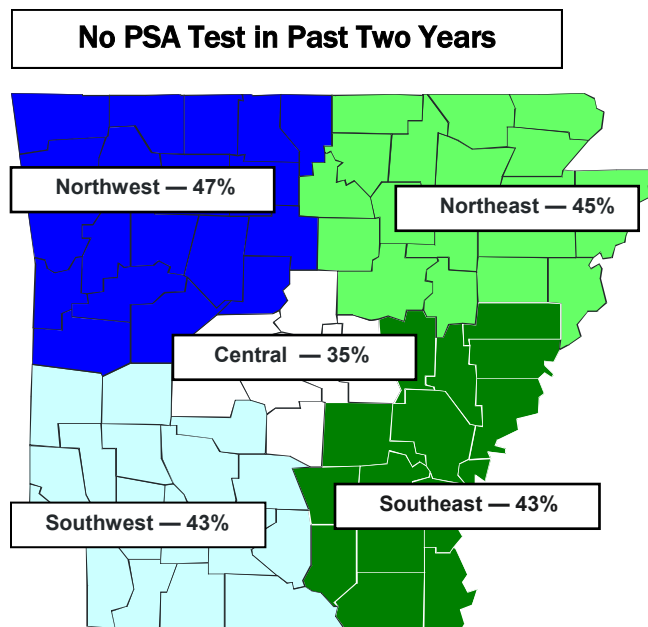
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	Percent (95% Confidence Interval)*
INCOME	
Less than \$15,000	63% (53.2, 72.0)
\$15,000-\$24,999	48% (41.2, 55.7)
\$25,000-\$34,999	41% (32.6, 49.2)
\$35,000-\$49,999	40% (32.9, 48.1)
\$50,000+	39% (34.6, 44.4)
METROPOLITAN vs. NON-METROPOLITAN**	
Metropolitan	40% (36.1, 44.3)
Non-Metropolitan	46% (41.2, 50.2)

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**Metropolitan areas of Arkansas include center cities, counties containing center cities, and suburban counties. Any areas outside of metropolitan areas are considered non-metropolitan.

PSA Test. The table shows how PSA screening rates vary among men age 40 and over in Arkansas.

Prostate cancer screening rates also vary by public health region, as shown in the map below.



Arkansas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System - <http://brfss.arkansas.gov>
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